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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WE NOTICED LETTER TO EDITOR
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OF "NEW SCIENTIST" IN ISSUE OF MARCH 4 SIGNED BY SOVIET ACADEMICIAN OLEG REUTOV ON SUBJECT OF US "USE" OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN VIETNAM. EMBASSY HAD PLANNED TO PREPARE LETTER TO EDITOR OF "NEW SCIENTIST" REBUTTING DISINFORMATION. REFTEL PROVIDES EXCELLENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT DEPT. MANY WISH TO ADD ADDITIONAL INFO BASED ON TEXT OF REUTOV'S LETTER, WHICH IS REPRODUCED BELOW. NOTE THAT REUTOV REFERS TO FEB. 11 ARTICLE IN "NEW SCIENTIST". THIS ARTICLE MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO MENTION OF USG FUNDING FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION AND IS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S FY 1983 R&D BUDGET. UNLESS DEPT. INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO PROCEED WITH REBUTTAL LETTER.
2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REUTOV LETTER:
CHEMICAL WEAPONS: THE RECENT NEWS (THIS WEEK, FEB. 11,

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P.355) THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO INCREASE THE FUNDS FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS TO AN INCREDIBLE $705 MILLION ENDOWS SCIENTISTS (AND PARTICULARLY BIOLOGISTS AND CHEMISTS) WITH A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE PUBLIC THE DANGER ARISING FROM CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THEIR POSSIBLE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS.

THE BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS WHICH THE US IS NOW PREPARING TO PRODUCE AND STOCKPILE ARE FAR MORE TOXIC THAN ANY PREVIOUS GENERATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE G5 AND VX GASES ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES MORE LETHAL THAN THOSE GASES EMPLOYED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, WHICH EVEN THEN KILLED SOME 100,000 AND CRIPPLED OVER ONE MILLION. US CHEMICAL WARFARE IN VIETNAM, WHERE THE US MILITARY EMPLOYED OVER 100,000 TONS OF CHEMICALS, CAUSED OVER TWO MILLION VIETNAMESE AND MANY GI CASUALTIES AND DESTROYED

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ALL VEGETATION OVER 1.3 MILLION HECTARES, LEAVING THE SOIL INFERTILE FOR DECADES.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS AND BARBAROUS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THEY ARE COLOURLESS, ODOURLESS AND TASTELESS. USED IN A SURPRISE ATTACK THEY COULD KILL, EVEN IN SMALL DOSES, GREAT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE. THE NEW BINARY WEAPONS ARE BY CHARACTER OFFENSIVE WEAPONS.

ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS FROM JAMES WADE, US UNDERRSECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE US HAS PLANS TO CONDUCT LARGE-SCALE CHEMICAL WAR IN EUROPE. THE IDEA OF CHEMICAL WARFARE ON THIS DENSELY POPULATED CONTINENT IS OUTRAGEOUS. CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSTITUTE A FAR GREATER DANGER FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION THAN FOR THE MILITARY, WHO CAN BE ISSUED WITH PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, GAS MASKS, ETC.

IN 1969 A UN REPORT ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CALCULATED THAT 20 BOMBERS WOULD SUFFICE TO ENSURE THE DESTRUCTION OF 80 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF SUCH LARGE CITIES AS MOSCOW, LONDON, NEW YORK AND PARIS.

BUT THE VERY STORING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS INVOLVES RISKS. BETWEEN 1967 AND 1980 THERE WERE 955 RECORDED CASES OF TOXIC GAS LEAKAGE FROM AMERICAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS DUMPS. ALREADY APPROXIMATELY 2000 TONS OF US CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS ARE STORED IN WEST GERMANY. WITH THE LATEST MASSIVE EXPANSION IN THE US CHEMICAL WARFARE PROGRAMME THE DANGER WILL INCREASE DRAMATICALLY.

I BELIEVE IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL SCIENTISTS TO MOBILISE PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS' PRODUCTION, FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES

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OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND AGAINST ALL PLANS FOR CHEMICAL
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